Alaska Class One Areas



Denali National Park and Preserve lies approximately 100 miles north of Anchorage in the center of the Alaska Range. The park area totals more than 6 million acres. Denali, the highest mountain in North America standing 20,320-feet, is a prominent feature in the park and throughout Alaska. Denali is the only Class I site in Alaska that is easily accessible, connected to the road system and accommodates a wide variety of visitor uses.

Tuxedni Wilderness Area is located in southcentral Alaska, in western lower Cook Inlet at the mouth of Tuxedni Bay. Tuxedni is comprised of two Islands, Chisik and Duck, totaling 6,402 acres. Most of the wilderness area lies on Chisik. Duck is a small rocky island, only 6 acres, with little or no vegetation. Tuxedni Wilderness Area is only accessible by small boats and planes, weather permitting.

Simeonof Wilderness Area consists of 25,141 acres located in the Aleutian Chain 58 miles from the mainland. It is one of 30 islands that make up the Shumagin Group on the western edge of the Gulf of Alaska. Access to Simeonof is difficult due to its remoteness and the unpredictable weather.

The Bering Sea Wilderness Area is located off the western coast of Alaska approximately 350 miles southwest of Nome. The Class I area consists of 41,113 acres within the St. Matthew Island group (which totals approximately 81,340 acres). The Bering Sea Wilderness Area is one of the most isolated landmasses in America with few if any visitors.